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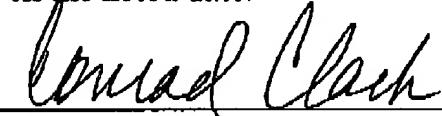
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
BARBOSA, M. )  
Serial No.: 09/986,956 ) Art Unit: 3683  
Filed: November 13, 2001 ) Examiner: Nguyen, Xuan  
For: DUAL LEADING SHOE DRUM )  
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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

This responds to the Office Action of June 23, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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